PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Ninety-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

Union Baptist Association

HELD WITH

BEECH GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

October 12, 13, 1917

OFFICERS:

MODERATOR, L. L. Posey, Fayette, Miss.
CLERK, D. W. McLeod, Port Gibson, Miss.
TREASURER, C. L. Young, Violet, Miss.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. R. Young, Martin Church, Pattison.
S. G. Pope, Hermanville Church, Hermanville.
J. N. Miller, Pleasant Hill, Allen.
D. W. McLeod, Fellowship Church, Port Gibson.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1918.

Place of Meeting—Antioch Church.
Time of Meeting—Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1918.
Associational Sermon—S. G. Pope.
Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—Dr. J. V. May.
Alternate—D. W. McLeod.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—D. W. McLeod.
Orphanage—S. R. Young.
Sunday Schools—J. N. Miller.
Christian Education—S. G. Pope.
Prohibition—L. L. Posey.
Ministerial Relief—A. G. Bishop.
Family Worship—W. W. Furr.
B. Y. P. U.—Mrs. D. W. McLeod.
W. M. U.—Mrs. L. L. Posey.

PROCEEDINGS

The ninety-seventh annual session of the Union Association convened with the Beech Grove Baptist Church, October 12, 1917. After singing and prayer, the Moderator called the body to order.

S. R. Young and Edgar Edwards were appointed Reading Clerks. Letters from the following churches were read and delegates enrolled:

Antioch—W. C. Bufkin.

Beech Grove—E. M. Jordan, Hooker Jones, J. W. Fife.

Brushy Fork—Eugene Trim.

Bethesda—Malcolm Montgomery, Spurgeon Nevels, Willie O'Neal.

Elmo—H. L. Prathers, Windfield Ward.

Fayette—L. L. Posey, Mrs. Posey, L. L. Posey, Jr.

Fellowship—D. W. McLeod, Edgar Edwards, Mrs. Edwards.

Hermanville—S. G. Pope.

Martin—S. R. Young.

New Providence—G. L. Hartley.

Piedmont—Isaac Posey, Mrs. Posey, R. F. Jordan.

Pleasant Hill—J. M. Furr, Ernest West, Jessie Smith, A. L. Smith, A. Z. Smith.

Port Gibson—Letter.

Unity—Wm. Holder, Charlie Thomas, Mrs. Alice Moore.

On motion of S. R. Young, the rules were suspended and the present officers were re-elected, as follows: L. L. Posey, Moderator; D. W. McLeod, Clerk; C. L. Young, Treasurer.

CORRESPONDENCE ARRANGED.

Copiah Association—W. C. Bufkin.

Baptist State Convention—S. G. Pope, J. N. Miller, Mrs. J. N. Miller, S. R. Young, D. W. McLeod, Mrs. D. W. McLeod G. L. Hartley, Mrs. L. L. Posey.

The following committees were appointed:

NOMINATIONS.

Wm. Holder, Edgar Edwards, W. C. Bufkin.

FINANCE.

J. Mack Jones, Jessie Smith, H. L. Prather.

On motion, a committee of three were appointed to nominate a member of the Convention Board from this Association, as follows: S. R. Young, J. N. Miller, D. W. McLeod.

S. G. Pope read the Report on the Baptist Orphanage, and after discussion by Bro. Pope, S. R. Young, Edgar Edwards and J. N. Miller, it was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Following the adoption of this report, a free-will offering was made for the Orphanage, amounting to $15.45.

L. L. Posey read the Report on Christian Education. Discussed by Bro. Posey, D. W. McLeod and S. G. Pope. Adopted. (Appendix B.)

Adjourned with prayer until two o'clock p.m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at the appointed hour. After a song and prayer by Edgar Edwards, the Moderator announced that we were ready for business.

The special committee on member of the Convention Board made their report, recommending L. L. Posey for same. Report adopted.

J. N. Miller then preached the Associational Sermon, taking for his text Matt. 11:29.

Adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled at the appointed hour. After a song and prayer service, the Moderator being absent, S. R. Young was appointed Moderator pro tem., and called the body to order.

Edgar Edwards read, Bro. Edwards, S. R. Young and J. D. Hudson discussed, and the Association adopted, the Report on Family Worship. (Appendix C.)

S. G. Pope read the Report on Sunday Schools, which was discussed by Bro. Pope, L. L. Posey and J. N. Miller and adopted. (Appendix D.)

The Report on Missions was read by S. R. Young. It was discussed by Bro. Young, D. W. McLeod, S. G. Pope and L. L. Posey. Adopted. (Appendix E.)

Following the adoption of the Report on Missions, D. W. McLeod offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that this Association join the Carey and Mississippi Associations in an appeal to the Convention Board of Mississippi Baptists for the appointment of a general missionary evangelist and enlistment worker in the bounds of the three Associations.

Adjourned until two o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Reassembled at two o'clock. After singing and prayer, the Moderator called the Association to order for business.

The Report of the Committee on Nominations was received and adopted. (Appendix F.)

The Constitution of the Union Baptist Associational Sunday School Convention was read by S. G. Pope, adopted and referred to the Sunday School Convention Secretary.

D. W. McLeod read and discussed and the Association adopted the Report on Woman's Work. (Appendix G.)

On motion, it was agreed that, since no report on Prohibition was at hand, it would be advisable to discuss the subject, and the Clerk was asked to prepare a report for publication in the minutes of the Association. The subject was discussed by S. R. Young and D. W. McLeod. (For Report, see Appendix H.)

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to secure from the committee appointed last year, the Report on Ministerial Relief and publish same in the Associational Minutes. (Appendix I.)

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. (Appendix J.)

The Report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted. (Appendix K.)

On motion, it was decided to dispense with the reading and revising of the minutes.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with the Antioch Baptist Church on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1918.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

A large congregation assembled on Sunday morning for preaching. J. N. Miller preached in the morning and D. W. McLeod in the afternoon. A free-will offering was made for ministerial relief, amounting to something more than $15.00.

L. L. POSEY, Moderator.
D. W. McLEOD, Clerk.

OUR DEAD.

Bethesda—Sister Ella Abbot.

Brushy Fork—One name not given.

Elmo—Jack White.

Fellowship—R. M. J. Arnette, Lucinda Slaton.

Piedmont—Elbert Cupit.

Pleasant Hill—W. W. Theadford.

Orphanage—S. R. Young.
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EDGAR EDWARDS.
W. C. BUFKIN
WM. HOLDER.

APPENDIX G.—REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION TO THE UNION ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER 26, 1916, TO OCTOBER 12, 1917.

Our work this year has not been what we had anticipated, but the fact that each society has had to overcome many difficulties causes us to feel that we have not labored in vain. Really, an opportunity of doing our small part for the Master in these troublous times causes us to rejoice and be grateful.

As some societies have not reported regularly, this report is necessarily incomplete.

We have nine Societies and three Sunbeam Bands.

The Superintendent has visited two Societies and sent 95 letters and packages. Total amount of expense, $2.64.

The following contributions have been reported:

Elmo—First and second quarters, Home uses, $12.20.

Fellowship—State Missions, $11.00; Foreign Missions, $3.50; Orphanage, $4.00; Christian Education, $5.00; Home uses, $165.00; Home Missions, $11.50; Christmas offering, $3.50; Hospital, $7.00; Training School, $15.00; March Week of Prayer, $9.00; Jubilate, $2.50. Total, $237, and a box to Orphanage valued at $50.00. Tithers, 2.

Fayette—Home uses, $120.35; Missions, $31.39; Christian Education, $15.00; Christmas offering, $7.98; Hospital, $7.00; Training School, $10.00; March Week of Prayer, $2.25; Jubilate, 16.00; Literature Fund, $1.60. Total, $210.57. Boxes and packages sent to Orphanage, aged ministers and Hospital valued at $43.30. Personal Service Committee has distributed books, clothing and other useful articles to amount of $99.80. Tithers, 5.

Hermanville, Beech Grove and Red Lick have not sent reports.

Port Gibson—State Missions, $7.50; Foreign Missions, $5.00; Christion Education, $5.00; Home Missions, $3.13; Christmas offering, $5.32; Hospital, $2.00; Training School, $6.00; March Week of Prayer, $10.50; Literature Fund, $1.50; Orphanage, $1.00. Total, $46.95. Boxes sent to Orphanage valued at $14.95.

Pleasant Hill—First, second and third quarters Orphanage, $25.00; Home uses, $15.00; Home Missions, $10.00; Ministerial Education, $8.88; Training School, $5.00. Literature Fund, $1.50. Total, $65.38.

Unity—First and second quarters Orphanage, $9.00; Home uses, $33.70; Hospital, $7.00. Total, $49.70.

Total amount reported, $622.70.

Amount of increase over last year, $35.90.

Total value of boxes and packages sent, $108.25.

Interest in Personal Service work, which is one of our greatest opportunities for service, is growing rapidly.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. L. POSEY, Associational Superintendent.

APPENDIX H.—REPORT ON PROHIBITION.

For many years the prohibition movement made slow progress, but recently great strides have been made toward national prohibition.

For a number of years State after State had been falling into the dry column, placing on their statute books laws prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks. Our own beloved State became dry by statutory law in 1908. But it was the boast of the liquor interests that prohibition did not prohibit, and to make good their boast, the laws against the traffic in the dry States were ignored as far as it was possible to do so. In one way or another intoxicating liquors were brought into dry territory and sold in violation of the law.

In our own State, while the traffic was greatly restricted, the laws were found to be inadequate. And so, at the last regular session of the Legislature, the most stringent prohibitory laws ever enacted in our State were placed on the statute books. These laws restricted the sale more than any that had ever been enacted before. But just as our governor was contemplating calling an extra session of the Legislature for the purpose of dealing more rigidly with this question, Congress passed the "bone dry" law, prohibiting the carrying of intoxicating liquors into dry territory.

One of the acts of the recent extra session of Congress was to prohibit the manufacture of grain into liquors, thus saving millions of bushels of grain. This was a war measure, for the conservation of food. Congress also voted the saloon out of the District of Columbia.

Just recently two of the principal cities of Texas—Dallas and Waco—with the counties in which they are located, voted to discontinue the nefarious traffic. It is our opinion that the death knell of the traffic has been sounded in the State of Texas, where it has been so deeply entrenched for so many years.

We are also confidently looking forward to the time, in the near future, when the States which form our National Union shall, by their vote, banish forever from our shores this heart-breaking, home-wrecking, God-dishonoring, soul-destroying traffic; when a stainless flag shall float in the breezes over our fair land.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. McLEOD.

APPENDIX I.—MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

There is no higher calling for man than that of the Gospel ministry. To be a mouthpiece for the Most High God is to be exalted to a dignity above which there is nothing higher in this world. It is a divine vocation. The pulpit has been the most potent power behind all the movements making for world redemption known to man. Its influence on the political, social and religious lives cannot be estimated. Thus in asking your support for the aged and infirm ministers of our denomination, we are not asking support for an object unworthy; we are asking support for God's noblemen.

We are supporting 24 ministers and their widows; 14 old ministers

and 10 widows of ministers. We are able to give them about $7 per month.

The month of December has been set apart by the Convention as Ministerial Relief Month.

We therefore urge the churches of this Association to take a collection for the old preachers during the month of December.

J. V. MAY.

APPENDIX J.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Union Baptist Association: I beg to make report on finances of the Association as follows:

Received October 27, 1916, $50.00.

Paid to H. H. Crisler, balance due on minutes, $2.00, for 1915.

Paid to D. W. McLeod, $48.00.

Received from Sunday School Convention for Home and Foreign Missions, $50.50, and same paid to State Convention Board.

On account of advances in material used in printing minutes, etc., I would recommend the churches be more liberal in their contributions for minutes and clerk's fee, as money heretofore has failed to defray the expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
C. L. YOUNG, Treasurer.

APPENDIX K.—REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, the Finance Committee, beg leave to report as follows: For general expenses, $61.27; for State Missions, $21.60; making a total of $82.87.

We recommend that the clerk's fee be paid out of the general fund, and that he be allowed $20.00 for his services.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. SMITH,
H. L. PRATHER,
J. M. JONES.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH
—of the—
UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.
Adopted First Session, September 18, 1820.

PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of churches and of maintaining a correspondence for a preservation of our union among churches of the same faith and order; we therefore agree to form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz.:

I. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

II. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only true rules of faith and practice.

III. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, in imputation of his sin to all posterity, the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

IV. We believe that God has loved His people with an everlasting love; and that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

V. We believe that there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ, who by the satisfaction He made to law, and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by His most precious blood redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before Him in love.

VI. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidence of a gracious state, and that all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

VII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a church of Christ is a congregation of immersed believers, who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another by the will of God, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church—the only law giver—and the government is with the church.

3. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. That immersion of the body in water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is the only Scriptural baptism, as taught by Christ and His apostles.

5. That none but regularly baptized church members, who live a holy life, have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. That it is the privilege and duty of all believers to make a public profession of their faith by submitting themselves subjects of baptism and as members of the visible church.

7. That it is the duty of every regularly organized church to expel from her communion all disorderly and immoral members, or those who hold doctrine contrary to the Scripture.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our Union shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with members in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Union Baptist Association."

4. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by the majority of the members present, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into this union they shall petition by letter and delegates. If received, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship. The Association shall always have the power to receive or reject applicants for membership.

6. No church in this union shall have a right to more than three delegates, unless she shall exceed one hundred members, then she shall have a right to an additional delegates for every additional fifty mmbers.

7. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the union shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator, as to whether it shall be debated, and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always, that these questions be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person making it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the rules of decorum or cast reflections upon a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Moderator. Speeches of committees presenting reports shall be limited to fifteen minutes, and others to ten minutes.

12. No brother shall finally depart from the conference without leave of the Moderator.

13. All reports to this body shall be sent up in writing.

14. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question that may be debated, provided, however, the chair be previous-

ly filled, but shall have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

15. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association deems expedient.

16. We think it actually necessary to have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by its delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all of the money by him received, and paid out according to direction of same.

17. The name of the delegate shall appear upon the minutes of this Association who absents himself before adjournment without leave of absence from the Association.

18. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association closes.

POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of the Association to provide for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties that may exist between sister churches and remove them, if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which may be unsound of principle, or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have the power to adjourn at any time to any place it may deem proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Churches	
Antioch	J.
Beech Grove	D.
Brushy Fork	—
Bethesda	R.
Elmo	J.
Fayette	M.
Fellowship	D.
Hermanville	S
Martin	D
Piedmont	A.
Pleasant Hill	J
Port Gibson	S.
Red Lick	J.
Rodney	—
Unity	J.
New Providence	S

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches	Pastors	Postoffice	Clerks	Postoffice	S. S. Supt.	Postoffice	S. S. Secretary	Postoffice	Increase				Decrease				Present Membership	No. Pupils in S. School	No. Officers and Teachers
									By Letter	Rest'n	Baptism	Total	Letter	Exclusion	Death	Total			
Antioch	J. H. Purser		A. G. Bishop						1				1				67	20	
Beech Grove	D. W. McLeod	Port Gibson	C. L Young	Violet	W. R. Preskett	Violet	J. Mack Jones	Violet	2	1	6	9	3	1		4	108	45	6
Brushy Fork	——Phillips	Clinton	R. B. Greenlee	Conn					1		3	4			1	1	30		
Bethesda	R. E. Weeks	Meadville, R. 2.	Allen Nevils	McNair, R 1							6	6			1	1	101		
Elmo	J. M. McKay	Clinton	A. E. Thompson	Perth	J. A. Dorsey	Oldenburg	Guy Case	McNair	5		1	6			1	1	60	38	5
Fayette	M. O. Patterson	Clinton	L. L. Posey	Fayette	L. L. Posey	Fayette	Miss Sarah Lowery	Fayette	8		7	15	5			5	47	44	6
Fellowship	D. W. McLeod	Port Gibson	Edgar Edwards						3		2	5			2	2	41		
Hermanville	S G. Pope	Hermanville	S. E. Dudley	Hermanville	H. L. Coleman	Hermanville	C. W. McMurchy	Hermanville	11		4	15	2			2	145	59	11
Martin	D W. McLeod	Port Gibson	F. E. Herring	Pattison													28		
Piedmont	A. M. Stroud	Meadville	F. M. Currie	Union Church	Isaac Posey	Union Church	Bertie Cupit	Union Church	4			4	5		1	6	62	57	7
Pleasant Hill	J N. Miller	Allen	W. W. Furr	Allen	H. D. Barksdale	Allen	Luvella McKiney	Allen			11	11			1	1	194	95	7
Port Gibson	S. G. Pope	Hermanville	E. W. Davis	Port Gibson	Dr. J. V. May	Pert Gibson	D. W. Clark	Port Gibson	4			4	4			4	87	30	8
Red Lick	J. N. Miller	Allen	Mrs. Irma Dunn	Red Lick	W. P. Sanders	Red Lick	H. M. Dunn	Red Lick		1	2	3	3				19	38	5
Rodney																			
Unity	J. N. Miller	Allen	C. S. Harrington	Violet	Herbert Hudson	Violet	Anna Harrington	Violet	4		5	9					71	25	4
New Providence	S R. Young	Pattison	F. K Davis	Allen															

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Churches	Associational Purposes	Visiting Ministers	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expense	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Hospitals	Other Objects	Value of Church Property
Antioch	$ 1 25	$13 60	$ 75 00	$	$	$	$ 6 50	$ 1 70	$ 1 70	$	$	$	$		$	$ 750 00
Beech Grove	5 00	14 50	125 00	101 30		3 81	11 00	18 01	11 81		5 00	5 00				700 00
Brushy Fork	1 25		100 00		4 00		6 00		6 00							600 00
Bethesda	1 50		100 00					10 00							2 00	400 00
Center Chapel																
Elmo	2 16	19 15	124 00			6 52	10 00									1000 00
Fayette	5 00	93 50	300 00		41 00	35 00		*76 50	21 00				55 00	7 00	99 80	
Fellowship	3 35	31 00	125 00	765 00			30 00	20 00	32 50	5 00		50 00	35 00	7 00	5 00	1242 00
Hermanville	5 00	78 00	600 00		74 74	34 42	88 20	31 60	31 70			34 05				2500 00
Martin			120 00	5 00			10 00									600 00
New Providence	3 00	15 00	75 00	40 00			7 60									1200 00
Piedmont	2 50	12 80	75 00				5 00	2 50	2 50			2 35				800 00
Pleasant Hill	10 00	81 50	350 00	10 00		33 60	35 00	31 96	28 53			25 00				
Port Gibson	3 00		300 00		14 70	39 96	23 00	15 70	15 52			12 29	16 00	4 00		1000 00
Red Lick	3 00	60 00	200 00	80 00		29 37	20 00	8 00	8 20					10 00	5 00	2000 00
Rodney																
Unity	4 31	27 05	125 00	33 39	18 08	10 00	16 00	20 00	25 00							750 00

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